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QUARTER CENTENNIAL

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REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS

A Pleasant Evening Spent by Admirers of the Association Work-A Short Talk by Ex-Governor Wells of Virginia-President Ripley's Report.

Y. M. C. A. Hall was crowded last evening with those who came to witness the quarter-centennial exercises of the institution. A portion of Prof. Berger's string orchestra was present. The following program was rendered :

Invocation—Rev. O. P. Emerson, Secretary's report—D. W. Corbett, Treasurer's report—E. A. Jones. Devotional Committee report-C. J.

Day. Music. President Ripley's report. Address—Gov. Wells.

Music. Refreshments in parlor and reading

room. The Secretary's report was us

follows: In reviewing the record of the work of the Young Men's Christian Asso-ciation of Honolulu for the past year, it must be remembered that the work has been more or less hindered by the

political state of the country.

The directors have held thirteen meetings. The attendance at these meetings has been good, and the demand upon their time and personal attention has been most freely given. The ideal association now arises to

help the whole man through its fourfold work, viz., the spiritual, mental, social and physical. Thus far we have not been able to offer the physical work to the young men of the city, but trust this may come in due Young men come to the association

from the Coast in large numbers. Quite a number have been helped to boarding houses. There have been



W. CORBETT (From a photograph);

130 applications for employment, but on account of the duliness of trade only twenty nine situations have

been secured. The total membership on March 31st numbers 274, a gain of forty-nine

during the year. A large number of young men on entering business life discover that they have not taken advantage of their early educational privileges, and, on this account, fail to secure promotion in business. Mental train-

ing is a necessity for advancement. To meet this, evening educations, classes were inaugurated in October in the following branches: Book-keeping, drawing, shorthand and type-writing. Notwithstanding our limited facilities in this work 107 young men enrolled in those classes and good work has been accomplished. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wm. A. Bowen for his gratuitous work as instructor in book-keeping. Next season we hope to have even better

results along this line. As an example of the practical work accomplished in this department, I take the liberty of reading the following letter received from a business

house in this city: "Mr. D. W. Corbett, Secretary Young Men's Christian Association. DEAR SIR.-We have tested Mr. P-- 's efficiency in shorthand, and find he can take from dictation correctly and quite rapidly, and in appreciation of your services as instruwe enclose you herewith our check on Mesers. Bishop & Co. for \$100, which you can retain for your own use or for the Young Men's Christian Association, as you may deem proper.

"Very truly yours, "CASTLE & COOKE.

"March 23, 1894." The Association offers its members and triends a reading room, which is well lighted and stocked with the choicest magazines, papers and periodicals. The fact that the daily average attendance to this room numbers 153 shows how it is appreciated. library contains about 500 readable books for circulation, 300 of the number having been added during the year. Our thanks are due to the Glee | p. m. | Sixth-Mission service at Bethef Club for a concert given for the Sixth-Mission services Library Fund, and also to Rev. A. S. Hall Sunday at 7:30 p. m.



THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING (Sketched by on Advertiser Artist.)

Twombly, D. D., for his excellent course of lectures.

To supply and wisely direct the reading and mental training of young men is to lay the foundation for a strong, healthy manhood and a useful

Every young man, whether living in a boarding house or in a city home, must have the company of other young men. The manner in which he spends his evenings will largely determine his character. The social side of a young man's life is the open side to temptations, and the one through which thousands of young men are ruined for time and eternity. the home, it should have so much of the home spirit as to make it a point where young men will naturally gravitate. At the present time our rooms have not this feature, but the aim should be to make the place so attractive that the young men of the city will look on the city will look meeting place for appointments and a rendezvous for a daily call.

A number of receptions for sailors of the different war vessels visiting the port have been held, and with gratify-

ing results. The association only exists because it cares for the spiritual needs of young men. It is because the directors believe that young men can be reached and influenced by their fellows towards the acceptation of leave (Poriet as that Savior that the Jesus Christ as their Savior, that they have given time and money and effort to place this building as a place of the Scriptures.

the Barracks.

During the year, a monthly Temperance concert has been held, the average attendance membering 219. A Junior Department was organized last September, and has proven successful. A Gospel meeting for boys

We gratefully acknowledge a dona-tion of \$75.00 from Mr. Henry Waterhouse for books for this work. Through this department the association is Boys' meeting brought in touch with the homes.

is held on Sunday afternoon.

To record statistics in summing up a year's work is difficult. We cannot tabulate the minds which have been the decisions made which have influenced the lives of young men for time as well as eternity. The preventive work is by no means the least in

Importance, The association realizing the importance of the work among sailors is planing to secure the services of a man who will give his time to this

class of young men. We believe the time has now come when the association should take action in adding the work of physical culture by the erection of a well equipped gymnasium. This would undoubtedly, be a means of drawing many young men into the work, and also presenting an opportunity educate the young men in an all round manner that of body, mind and

D. W. CORBETT. General Secretary.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$4,029.65, and expenditures of \$4,017.37, leaving a balance of \$12.28.

The report of the Devotional Committee, made by C. J. Day, was as follows: During the year that has gone the

number of religious meetings held under the auspices of the association has been 357, with a total attendance of 14.072. This shows a slight increase in number over the previous year. The following are the meetings who has but one year to review, shall First-Service at Oahu Prison Sun-

day at 2:30 p. m. Third—Bible study in the associa-tion parlor Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Foorth—Boys' meeting in the association hall Sunday at 3:30 p. in. Fifth-Praise service in the asso-

day at 11 a. m.

ciation hall Sunday evening at 6:30 =

Seventh-Bible class in association parlor Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Eighth-Mission service at Bethel

Hall Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Fifty-one meetings have been held at the prison, under the leadership of Messrs. G. P. Castle, W. C. Weedon and W. A. Bowen. The total attendance at same has been 5126, an average of 102. These meetings are held under a large banyan tree, and are much appreciated by the men. To reach the various nationalities here gathered, addresses are made in English, Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese The chairman of this work reports very encouragingly of it. At

numbered fifty, and the average at-tendance at same has been eighteen. The meetings have been encouraging, and good has been accomplished. The room wherein these services have been conducted has been appropriated

for other purposes, and at present this service has been discontinued. We trust that they will soon be resumed. The Bible classes in the Association rooms have not been as well attended as wished for. The total attendance numbered out. numbered 904.

The boys' meeting has had an average attendance of twenty-eight, and to place this building as a place of refuge in the midst of the city's The regular praise service, at 6:30 cock, has had a total attendance of

building, one Evangelistic service and two Bible classes for the study of the Scriptures. tinued on Saturday evenings with fair results only. This is doubtless due to the fact that but few of the The outside work, includes a service workers have lent their aid. The at Bethel Mission, Oahu Prison and Sunday evening mission at the same was discontinued.

During the week of prayer for young men, a noon-day service was held at the Association rooms, with much profit to those who attended. The following are the statistics

which sum up the work of the year: Jail services..... 51 18 Barracks Bible Class No. 1 ... 423 732 4,169 Praise service ... Bethel Hall, Sunday Bethel Hall, Satur 616 1.505481 Week of prayer,

We beke this opportunity of thank-ing the lastics who have so kindly which are so generously provided, which are so generously provided. We have learned that young men Total for year 357 14,072 at the Prison, Miss Hopper at the Barracks, Mrs. S. M. Damon at Bethel Mission, Mrs. E. C. Damon at the Boys' meetings, and Miss Rhodes

at the Praise service. the average young man is placed; C. J. DAY, Chairman of Dev. Committee. hence we reason that it is for the asso-The report of the President, C. B. Ripley, was then read. It was

as follows: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-In the by-laws of the Young Men's Christian Association of Honolulu, wherein is set forth the duties of its officers, these words will be found: sident shall preside over the meetings of the association, and shall deliver an address before the association at its annual meeting, upon retiring from office; ' without this excuse for occupying your time upon this most interesting occasion, I should feel great reluctance in attempting to ad-

We are taught that at some time "the last shall be first and the first shall be last," so it is tonight, and I am convinced that you all desire the last President of this association, who is to be the first to address you, and be as brief as possible, that the first President who is to be the last to address you, and who has twenty-five Second-Service at Barracks Sun- years to review, may have ample time at his disposal.

This night closes an association year; tonight we pass the twenty fifth mile stone in our association journey, and as we turn for a moment to look upon the beaten track of the past, we see more clearly than ever before the gravity and importance of the events which have transpired in the year now ended.

To a large extent our members are active participants in the social and political affairs of the land, as conscience dictated they have assumed the new and greater responsibilities which came with the new and changed conditions of citizenship in Hawaii; yet amid all these distractions, dur-ing this most serious financial depression, which affects every one in a greater or less degree, our members have not failed in their obligations to this association; no meetings have been omitted, every financial obligation has been met, and as the duties elsewhere made greater demands upon our working force, greater sacrifices were made to meet the needs of our association, and it is with gratitude to such co-workers that I pay this tribute to their fidelity.

Early in the year our General Sec-retary, H. W. Peck, left our association to take up his residence in an-other land, and D. W. Corbett, of Montreal, was secured to take the position. Any change in this most important office must of necessity make some break in our regular work. lost an earnest, devoted, Christian worker—we gained another; but no two men work on the same lines, so the new worker-the stranger-must needs get acquainted and take up the work in his own way. How this has been done I need not remind you, but let there be no misapprehension as to the work devolving upon the General Secretary. He can do the work of but one member of this association; he cannot 'o your work or mine-it would not be well that he should, if he had the power. He has his duties, and I doubt not he will perform them faithfully, but each member of the association has his duties as well, and they should be performed with equal

zeal and fidelity.

This association can only reach its possibilities for good when it has a large number of earnest, self-sacrificing Christian workers among its members. The General Secretary may be the leader of these workers, but he can never take the place of

them. The Young Men's Christian Associa-tion is not an institution in which "one man power" can supply the needed force. We may sing that fa-miliar refrain, "There's a work for me and a work for you; something for each of us now to do," with much profit, if by so doing we become impressed with the importance of each

doing his own work and doing it now. As an association we no longer work along a single line and with but one object in view; where in earlier years of association work the religious welfare of the young man was the only object, now we recognize the need of developing the "all round man;" we have found it to be true that the spiritual is but one side of man's nature and to have the best man there must be four sides developman there must be four sides develop-ed,—the mental, physical, social and spiritual; upon these four lines and not upon any one of them alone must we work, giving to each the intelli-gent, consecrated labor which its im-

portance claims at our hands. When the Young Men's Christian refuge in the midst of the city's temptations. To neglect the religious work, would be recreant to its highest purpose and obligations. The following meetings are held weekly in the brilling one Evangelistic service timed on Saturday evenings with ing for its aims the upbuilding of the whole man upon the four lines I have indicated, it then became pre-eminent among all institutions which are animated by the spirit of the Master; discarding all ereed and declining all controversy it has exalted Him whom it serves, and succeeded as no other institution has in bringing His life in

touch with its work. Like all institutions which are destined to be permanent and accomplish great results, the growth of the Young Men's Christian Association has been an evolution. We are now a part of a great organization which has given every problem which affects the interests of young men as profound study as has been given to any social

problems of the age.

By the experience of a half century throughout the world, by that of a quarter of a century of work in Hono-lulu, it is known that to save young men from then selves and their evil environments, we must provide agencies which appeal to them more do not drop into evil habits with deliberate intent, but that such habits are the legitlimate results of the conditions and environments into which

ciation to prevent rather than to cure. To successfully carry forward the work of this association upon the lines I have suggested, to meet the obligations placed upon us by the knowl-edge we now possess of the require-ments of association work, three things are needed. We want a general secretary, thoroughly trained in the best methods of association work-a man who can get knocked down on the ball-ground and get up smiling; a man who can be a boy with the boys, a leader in their sports as well as a leader in a prayer or praise ser-vice, an all-round man, a man with sanctified common sense. Such a man we have-we are fortunate; we want the means to supply all the appliances which can be used in every depart-ment of work, with a hall for religious services; we want a gymnasium, with class rooms; we want a swimming tank, with bibles, dumb-bells, with hymn-books chest-weights, and with our library of books plenty of games, and just but not least we must have cons-crated Christian men who will give their time, their study, their prayers to this work, doing all for the

cause of Christ and in his name. This night completes a quarter of a century of association work in Honolulu; some of these who were at the organization of this association and have borne its burdens these many years are present this night, young men still, for no man grows old who

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